

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111
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REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 17, 2003. Claims 7, 15 and 18 are amended such that claims 7-13 and 15-20 are now pending in this application.

Examiner Interview

Applicant's attorney would like to thank Examiner Ori Nadav for his courtesy during the telephone interview held on January 13, 2004. Examiner Nadav discussed the cited references and the scope of the amended claims with Applicant's attorney. Examiner Nadav indicated that the amended claims overcome the pending rejection.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 7-13 and 15-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "Applicant Admitted Prior Art" in view of Saito et al. (U.S. 5,570,274), Dobbin, II et al. (U.S. 6,452,113) and Dwarves (U.S. 6,400,033). Applicant assumes that "Saith et al." is a typographical error and that the Examiner refers to Saito et al. in this rejection. As discussed during interview, claims 7-13 and 15-20 as amended overcome the pending rejection.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 7-13 and 15-20 are respectfully requested.

Reservation of right to file to file continuation or divisional applications

As discussed during the interview, the claims as amended herein are allowable pending further consideration. Applicant respectfully traverses the pending rejection listed above and reserves the right to reintroduce any original or previously presented claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications at a later date.

Reservation of Right to Swear Behind References

Applicant reserves the right to swear behind any references which are cited in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §§102(a), 102(e), 103/102(a), and 103/102(e). Statements distinguishing the claimed subject matter over the cited references are not to be interpreted as admissions that the references are prior art.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, Andrew Peret, at (262) 646-7009, or Applicant's below-named representative to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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